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First Detachment of Troops of Coming Army Arrive In San Antonio Today

UNCLE SAM OFFERS LOCAL MERCHANTS HALF A MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT

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T. R. Anxious to Get Into Military Excitement Here

Associated Press. Houston, Tex., March 9.—Col. Roosevelt has declined to change the time for his address in this city on "Civic Righteousness" from 10:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. next Sunday, as asked by the ministers of the city. He is anxious to get into the military whirl at San Antonio.

Produce Row Is In Tumult of Excitement, But Will Make an Effort to Fill the Contract.

Half a million dollars is to be spent by Uncle Sam in San Antonio between today and March 15 for supplies. Forty-five local wholesalers received on the late afternoon mail yesterday blank contracts from Captain Cusack, chief of the commissary department of Fort Sam Houston, requesting that said jobbers submit bids to be opened March 10 on 200 subsistence articles, and if accepted, they be ready to deliver the goods by the 15th. A conservative estimate of the amount these supplies will cost is \$500,000.

ORDERED TO WASHINGTON



Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 9.—David Jayne Hill, American ambassador to Germany, has been ordered to Washington to discuss several matters pending between the two governments. The potato controversy, it is learned, will be the principal subject for consideration.

TROOPS COMING SOUTH RAPIDLY; SOME IN TEXAS

Movement of Army Is Regular and Hurried as If in Time of War
Ships Have Not Started.

STILL SAY MANEUVERS IS OBJECT MEXICO KNEW TROOPS WERE TO BE SENT?

Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—Still under the guise of peaceful maneuvers, the advance of the army toward the southern frontier of the United States is proceeding in perfect order. Innumerable telegrams are being received by Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, reporting that his sudden and comprehensive orders flashed from the capital only three days ago are being carried out with rapidity and precision. The staff officers, having set the machinery in motion, are enjoying a respite today. The telegraphic advices indicate that all of the men ordered out are now moving rapidly southward, with ample commissary and ammunition supplies.

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With more than half of the \$500,000 necessary for the organization of a construction company to build the proposed railroad from San Antonio to Brownsville already secured the whirlwind campaign of business men to secure the remainder has gone forward without a break and members of the committee of one hundred are confident that the necessary amount will be subscribed before April 1, the time limit. The progress already made by the executive committee and plans for the work to be carried forward by this committee has already been discussed at a meeting of both committees at the St. Anthony at 12:30 today.

COLQUITT PUTS SIGNATURE ON WOLF SCALP LAW

Bill Carries an Appropriation of \$100,000 and Is Not Effective Until Next Year. MANY BILLS ARE REPORTED Sanitarium Measure Is Finally Put Into Effect—Kennedy Resolution Is Passed.

Associated Press. Austin, Tex., March 9.—This morning Governor Colquitt signed the wolf scalp bounty bill, which carries an appropriation of \$100,000. The bill does not go into effect until September 1, 1912, which provision was injected into the bill after its recall from the governor's office. He also signed the bill granting relief to railway corporations having charters amended since January, 1892, which have failed to construct road and branches in the time required by the act. He also signed the bill exempting irrigation corporations of western sections of the state, from fee and franchise tax, so as to receive the benefit of the United States reclamation act.

DOES U. S. FEAR DEATH OF DIAZ?

That Is the Latest Theory Advanced for Sudden Movement of Troops to the Border. THERE ARE MANY REPORTS Stories Become So Numerous That a Correspondent Sees the Mexican Ruler.

Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 9.—In view of renewed reports concerning the condition of President Diaz of Mexico, it may be stated that a dispatch from the Associated Press correspondent at Mexico City, received last night, said that he personally had seen the president the previous night, when he was in apparently good health.

17TH INF. COMING TONIGHT

Tomorrow's Dawn Will See the First Part of a Giant Tented City Erected at the Post. OTHERS TO FOLLOW FAST Saturday Train After Train Will Pull Into the City Bearing Thousands of Men.

Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 9.—The real significance of the sudden mobilization of a quarter of the United States army and a formidable fleet of the navy near the Mexican frontier, is gradually leaking in Washington. From various sources, yet without the possibility of official verification, credible admissions have been obtained which go far to substantiate the interpretation placed by the public upon the great movement. It is said that about the time of the return to Washington of Henry Lane Wilson, ambassador of the United States to Mexico, the administration received advices, indicating increasing unrest in Mexico and that the revolution, notwithstanding assertions of the Mexican government to the contrary had extended in many directions.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The question of the safety of foreign interests in Mexico has been the subject of a formal discussion by foreign nations with the United States. This information was ascertained from official sources today.

The state department declined to say what foreign countries had taken up the matter with this government. Fred M. Dearing, the American charge at Mexico City, today telegraphed the state department that the Mexican government was much gratified at President Taft's communication assuring General Diaz that the maneuvers in the south should give no concern to the people of Mexico.

The meeting took the form of a luncheon, the first of a series of three which have been arranged for the purpose of discussing the work, reporting progress to the people of San Antonio and keeping the committee members in touch with one another. The response on the part of the committeemen to the invitation to attend this luncheon is perhaps the best indication of the unanimous sentiment existing among them to push the project to completion. Places were prepared for a private dining room of the big hotel and the committee members began dropping in long before the hour set for the luncheon until it began to look as though another dining room would be necessary to accommodate the overflow. They were all finally seated, however, and spent an hour consuming the lunch.

Then began a series of short talks by various members of the committee. First was made by Jake Wolff, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who presided. Mr. Wolff set the ball rolling by making a short talk himself.

The foregoing are only a few of the articles named in the contract but even what is the least question of the abundance supplies that the forty-five local merchants are carrying. As it is, no one merchant can on such short notice supply a full variety, and conversion such as this was heard on the wholesale row this morning.

Another dispatch from Mexico City last night said President Diaz received Admiral La Jara at 5 p. m., and later was conferring at his town mansion with the governor of Guajuato. No further advices have been received.

Official Washington persists in the previous announcement that the movement is a technical military experiment to try the efficiency of the fighting resources of the nation, and that it has no relation to the Mexican situation.

LIMANTOUR SAYS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Associated Press. New York, March 9.—American financiers conferred with Jose Yves Limantour, Diaz' finance minister, over the Mexican situation, in New York today. Mr. Limantour, commenting upon President Taft's message to President Diaz last night, declared: "This communication will, I am sure, be reassuring to my government and should be to my people, who naturally have been greatly discouraged by sensational statements in the press."

SAYS DIAZ NEAR DEATH

Information From Alleged Authentic Source Is That His Condition Is Serious.

STRIKE OF FIREMEN BELIEVED IS NEAR.

Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., March 9.—Whether the ultimatum presented late yesterday to the management of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific railroad (Queen and Crescent) by the firemen on the system declaring that a strike would take effect today unless white firemen are granted preference over negroes, shall take effect was dependent upon a conference here today between representatives of the men and the railroad.

DON'T BELIEVE DIAZ DEAD.

Associated Press. New York, March 9.—Henry Lane Wilson, United States ambassador to Mexico, today unwillingly to discuss the situation in Mexico, emphatically declared his disbelief in the rumor that President Diaz of Mexico had died suddenly.

HITCHCOCK ENDS LONG FIGHT OVER ENVELOPES

Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—By affixing his signature to the contract for the manufacture and printing of stamped envelopes and stamped newspaper wrappers today, Postmaster General Hitchcock put an end, for at least four years, to a contest, that has waged intermittently for more than a quarter of a century.

SAN ANTONIO TEMPERATURES

Comparative temperatures in San Antonio for today and this day last year:

	1910.	1911.
4 a. m.	61	64
6 a. m.	62	64
8 a. m.	61	63
10 a. m.	65	70
12 noon	73	78
1 p. m.	75	83

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President Powell for the railroad company said: "This is not a question of wages, but of the interpretation of a printed rule or contract. I don't think there will be trouble."

Associated Press. Houston, Tex., March 9.—Miss Lena Dupree, long one of the most popular and highly connected teachers in the city school, died last night.

Associated Press. Amoy, China, March 9.—A severe epidemic of the bubonic plague is reported at Sioke a village of the interior on the west side of the Lung King and fifty miles from here. Sioke is the seat of a mission station of the board of foreign missions of the reformed church of America.

What Feature in The Light Do You Like Best & Why?

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